

Spray Dried Chicken Liver Powder for the Manufacture of Pet Food

Japan prohibited the import of processed animal proteins including liver powders for use in pet food from all countries in 2001. In December 2011, Japan agreed to allow the import of spray dried chicken liver digest from the United States under certain requirements. In January 2012, APHIS implemented a program to verify those requirements and approve facilities to export spray dried chicken liver powder to Japan for the manufacture of pet food. That program is the “Chicken Liver Power Program – Japan” also known as the CLPP-J.

Only those facilities listed in the APHIS database as approved to export to Japan under the CLPP-J may export chicken liver powder to Japan for the manufacture of pet food. [Japan continues to prohibit the import of chicken liver powder for livestock feed.] For information on how to become approved under the CLPP-J, please contact your local APHIS Veterinary Services Area Office.

In addition to the U.S. producer being approved under the CLPP-J, the Japanese importer must meet certain requirements. The Japanese importer should contact their local Japanese authorities for details.

Certificates for each shipment must be completed in accordance with the following instructions.

Each shipment must be accompanied by a VS Form 16-4.

The VS Form 16-4 must be submitted to the pertinent VS Area Office with the following documentation (this documentation does not become part of the certificate and should not be forwarded to Japan with the consignment):

- Written verification identifying the State(s) that the poultry (from which the chicken liver powder was derived) may have been raised or slaughter, or may have transited prior to slaughter. If any of these States are currently under AI-related restrictions, the dates of slaughter must also be included. This documentation must indicate that the source poultry was not raised or slaughtered, and did not transit State(s) during banned periods. For more information on these periods, please see:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/jatban_ab.pdf

- A laboratory report demonstrating, through microscopy, ELISA, or PCR testing, the absence of ruminant materials in a lot of chicken liver powder produced at the facility. The report must be dated within the previous 90 days for facilities that have been operating under the CLPP-J for over 90 days. (For facilities that have been operating under the CLPP-J for less than 90 days, the report must be dated within the previous 30 days.)

The VS Form 16-4 must be prepared as indicated below. If all the required information in any section will not fit in the space allotted, the VS Form 16-4A should be used as a continuation page.

In the ADDITIONAL DECLARATION area of the VS Form 16-4, only the following exact text may be included (if additional space is needed, “See page 2” should be inserted in the appropriate spot, and a VS Form 16-4A should be page 2). Text in green should not appear on the certificate.

Begin “Additional Declarations” text>>>

There have been no outbreaks of highly pathogenic notifiable avian influenza for at least 90 days before shipment in the United States.
The chicken liver powder described below:

1. Was produced in accordance with the relevant U.S. domestic regulations;
2. Was derived from chicken livers meeting the following criteria:

- In the area where birds from which the chicken livers were produced (such an area being within a minimum radius of 50 kilometers from the production farm), Newcastle disease, fowl cholera and other serious infectious fowl diseases as recognized by the government of the United States, have not occurred for at least 90 days before slaughter or since hatching of the poultry for the production of the exported chicken liver powder.
- The live poultry used for the production of the exported chicken liver powder did not originate from [insert names of any states currently banned by MAFF for NAI], and did not pass through [insert names of any states currently banned by MAFF for NAI] before being carried into poultry processing plants. <Delete this entire bullet if there are no banned states

- To the best of APHIS' knowledge, the chicken livers from which the chicken liver powder was derived and the finished chicken liver powder were stored in clean and sanitary wrapping and containers and handled in a way to prevent being exposed to any pathogens or any animal infectious diseases prior to shipment.
- From chicken slaughtered only in the United States.
- Collected in a way to prevent contamination with materials derived from animals other than chickens.
- Collected at animal slaughter facilities inspected and approved by the USDA in accordance with the relevant U.S. domestic regulations and handling only chicken or other poultry.
- From chickens recognized to be free of any animal infectious diseases and fit for human consumption as demonstrated by passing ante-mortem and post mortem inspections conducted by official USDA inspectors at approved slaughter facilities.
- Transported from slaughtering facilities to manufacturing facility in new packaging.

3. If any porcine materials are processed on the same production line as the chicken liver powder, either:

A. Those materials originate from pigs deemed free of any animal infectious diseases and fit for human consumption as demonstrated by passing ante-mortem and post mortem inspections conducted by official USDA inspectors at approved slaughter facilities; or

B. The production line is thoroughly cleaned to avoid contamination of the chicken liver powder with materials derived from pigs.

4. Was manufactured, packaged, and stored in the following manufacturing facility approved by the USDA meeting the requirements to export chicken liver powder to Japan from the United States: [insert name, address, and APHIS number of manufacturing facility].

5. Is transported and handled in a manner to prevent contamination with any pathogens of any animal infectious diseases and with any other animal products between packaging and wrapping in the designated manufacturing facilities until the point of shipment. The packaging and wrapping is new material to prevent contamination.

6. Is intended for use in pet food material only.

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In the “Port” section of the VS Form 16-4, the exporter should add the specific PORT of exit information. “Any U.S. Port” is not acceptable.

The Date and Certificate Number sections of the VS Form 16-4 should be left blank by the exporter. The endorsing office will add this information, and if necessary “page 1 of 2” text.

The “Product” box of the VS Form 16-4 must include the following text: “Kind of container or packaging:” followed by a description of the packaging, e.g. 500 kg totes. Also included must be the type of product, quantity, unit of measure, and species of origin.

In the IDENTIFICATION BOX OF THE VS Form 16-4, the following information must be included:

Container number: [insert container number] Seal number: [insert seal number] Port of destination: [Insert port of destination] Shipping date: [insert date product expected to leave port]

For a graphic explanation of the majority of these requirements, please go back and select the applicable file. If these files are utilized to prepare the certificate, care must be taken to ensure that “inserted” text does not “push” required text off the printable page.